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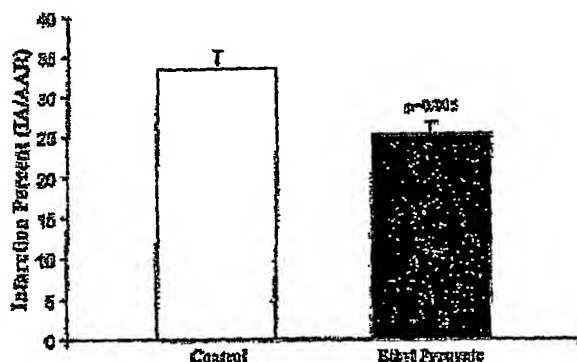
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides methods for conferring cytoprotection and treating, suppressing or reducing the incidence of ischemia. The methods make use of an ester or amide of an alpha-ketoalkanoic acid, such as ethyl pyruvate, or compositions comprising the same.